



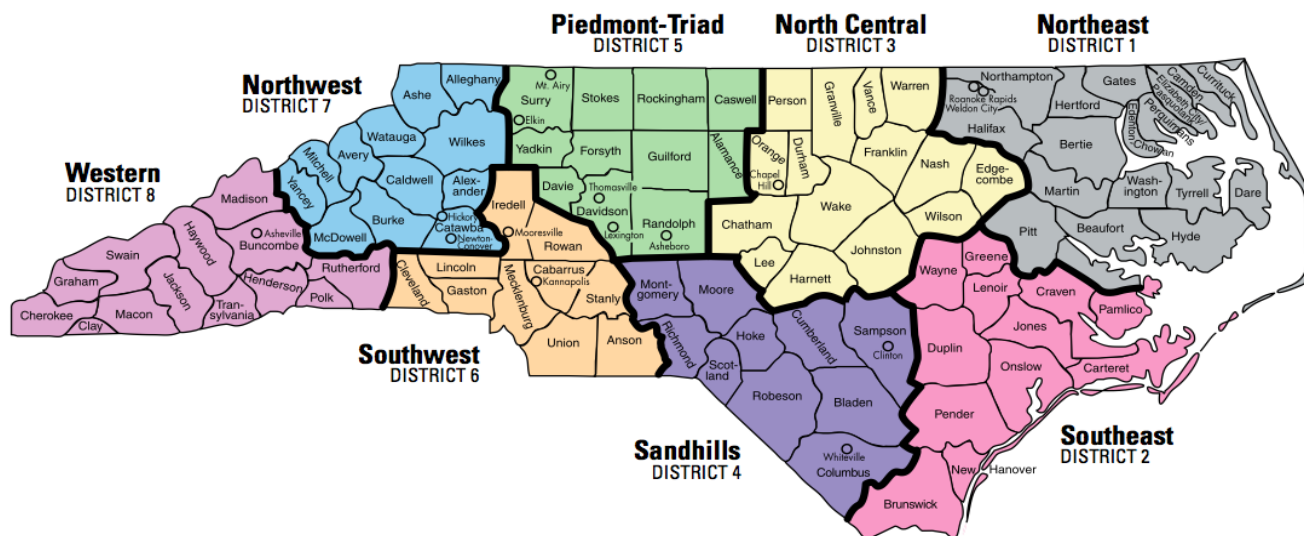
## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

March 13, 2015

Appropriations Committees met this week to gather additional information and dissect particular areas of the Governor's Recommended Budget, which was released last week. On Tuesday, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees met jointly to hear from State Budget Director Lee Roberts on the budget as a whole. Mr. Roberts presented to the Committee, reviewing the [highlights and initiatives](#), and fielded many questions from legislators.

On Wednesday, the House and Senate Education Appropriations Committees met to discuss in detail the education portions of the Governor's Recommended Budget. Staff from the Office of State Budget and Management provided this [overview](#) and received questions from members of these committees. No education-related bills were heard in either chamber this week. However, legislators have been busy filing new education bills by the dozens. This frenzy will continue for the next month - the "March Madness" of Raleigh.

Pursuant to [SL 2014-18](#), the State Board of Education districts will be slightly revised, effective April 1, 2015. The map below reflects the changes to SBE districts:



### Relevant Bills in Committee This Week:

#### [HB 113](#) Protect Our Students Act

The House Judiciary II Committee heard this bill which, as amended, would increase the criminal penalty from a Class A1 misdemeanor to a Class I felony for a defendant who is school personnel, other than a teacher, school administrator, student teacher, school safety officer, or coach, and is less than four years older than a student and engages in a sex act or indecent liberties with a student. There are, of course, other criminal charges that apply to

those who engage in illegal sex acts with students. This bill would also establish a procedure for colleges, community colleges, and universities to obtain a list of students and employees of their respective institution who are registered sex offenders. The bill, as amended, passed the committee and is calendared for the House floor on Tuesday, March 17.

[HB 158](#) Jim Fulghum Teen Skin Cancer Prevention Act

The House Health Committee heard and approved this bill on Thursday. The bill would amend existing law to prohibit operators of tanning facilities from allowing anyone under 18 years of age from using tanning equipment.

**Relevant Bills with Action This Week:**

[HB 19](#) Waive Tuition/Fallen Officer was Guardian (C. Graham)

- Amended and approved in the House Committee on Education - Universities
- Re-referred to the House Committee on Appropriations

[HB 56](#) State Health Plan/Rehired Retiree Eligibility (Holloway, L. Johnson, McGrady, Lucas)

- Serial Referral to Appropriations added

[HB 113](#) Protect Our Students Act (Hastings, Presnell, R. Turner, Bishop)

- Amended and approved in the House Judiciary II Committee
- Withdrawn from House Finance Committee
- Calendared in the House for Tuesday, March 17

[HB 162](#) Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention/Students (Carney, Horn, McGrady, Glazier)

- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12, if favorable, Health

[HB 164](#) School Calendar Flexibility (Setzer)

- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12

[HB 175](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Gaston County Schools (Torbett)

- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12

[HB 177](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Certain LEAs (Steinburg)

- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12

[HB 181](#) ([SB 176](#)) Charter School Grade Level Expansion (Lewis)

- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12

[HB 189](#) Rockingham County School Board (Jones, Holloway)

- Referred to the House Committee on Elections

- [HB 190](#) State Health Plan Modifications (Pendleton)
- Referred to House Committee on State Personnel, if favorable, Appropriations
- [HB 194](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Roanoke Rapids (Wray)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12
- [HB 197](#) School Calendar Flexibility/2014-2015 (Dobson)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12
- [HB 202](#) Supt. Public Instruction Member of SBE (Holloway, Elmore, Cotham, Glazier)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12
- [HB 206](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Wake County (Gill, Holley, Pendleton)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12
- [HB 207](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Cumberland County (Lucas, Floyd, Glazier)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12
- [HB 208](#) ([SB 268](#)) Create Department of Information Technology (Saine, Bradford, Tine, B. Brown)
- Referred to House Committee on Appropriations
- [HB 209](#) Stoplight/Jackson School Funds (Pittman, Ford)
- Referred to House Committee on Appropriations
- [HB 216](#) Great Leaders for Great Schools/Study (Cotham, Horn, Brockman)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12
- [HB 220](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Counties (Yarborough, Baskerville)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – K-12
- [HB 223](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Caldwell County Schools (Robinson)
- Filed
- [HB 226](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Certain LEAS (Waddell)
- Filed
- [HB 228](#) Asst. Principal/Principal Salaries (Holloway, Elmore, Whitmire, Cotham)
- Filed
- [HB 231](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Martin County (Willingham)
- Filed

- [HB 233](#) Evidence Passed Vehicle is a School Bus (Lambeth, Hanes)
- Filed
- [SB 14](#) Academic Standards/Rules Review/Coal Ash/Funds (Brown, Harrington, Jackson)
- Conference Committee appointed
- [SB 37](#) Waive Tuition/Fallen Officer was Guardian (Smith, Apodaca)
- Referred to the House Committee on Education – Universities, if favorable, Appropriations
- [SB 121](#) The Excellence in School Leadership Act (Tillman)
- Re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 125](#) ([HB 158](#)) Jim Fulghum Teen Skin Cancer Prevention Act (Tucker, Meredith, Curtis)
- Re-referred to the Senate Committee on Health Care
- [SB181](#) Wake County Commissioner Districts (Barefoot)
- Amended and approved by Senate Committee on Redistricting
  - Further amended and passed Senate on Thursday
- [SB 211](#) Penalty for Late Payments of Monies /Charters (Tillman)
- Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 219](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Counties (Daniel)
- Referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
- [SB 223](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Counties (McInnis)
- Referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
- [SB 228](#) Schools Closed Due to Inclement Weather (Hise)
- Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 237](#) Education-Based Salary Supplements (Stein)
- Referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 244](#) Schools Closed Due to Inclement Weather (Soucek)
- Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 246](#) Increase Options for Local Option Sales Tax (Smith)
- Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 251](#) In-State Tuition for Certain Veterans (Clark, Meredith)
- Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

- [SB 254](#) Durham County School Base Health Centers/Contraceptive Services (McKissick, Woodard)
- Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 259](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems (Smith-Ingram)
- Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means
- [SB 260](#) Permit Align School/Community College Calendar (Bryant)
- Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means
- [SB 267](#) School Calendar Flexibility/Charlotte-Mecklenburg (Tarte, Waddell, Jackson)
- Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means
- [SB 268](#) ([HB 208](#)) Create Department of Information Technology (Tarte, Brock, Hise)
- Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 272](#) ([SB 242](#)) Eliminate Personal Education Plans (Tillman, Apodaca)
- Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [SB 276](#) Bereavement Leave/State and School Employees (Davis, Smith-Ingram)
- Filed
- [SB 277](#) ([HB 26](#)) Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday (Davis, Smith-Ingram)
- Filed
- [SB 278](#) Correct State Boards and Commissions (Barefoot)
- Filed
- [SB 279](#) Amend Qualification/Practice of Counseling (Barefoot)
- Filed
- [SB 281](#) State Departments and Agencies/Required Audits (Tarte, Davis, Jackson)
- Filed
- [SB 283](#) Classroom Experience for School Personnel (Hartsell)
- Filed
- [SB 289](#) Education Preparation Reform Act (Barefoot)
- Filed

## **Meetings March 16 – March 19:**

### **Monday, March 16**

- 1:00 PM Academic Standards Review Commission <http://www.doa.nc.gov/asrc/>
- 2:00 PM Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, 643 LOB
- 6:45 PM Select Committee on UNC Board of Governors, 1027 LB

### **Tuesday, March 17**

- 8:30 AM Joint Education Appropriations, 423 LOB
- 10:00 AM House Education – K-12, 643 LOB
  - HB 13 Amend School Health Assessment Requirement
  - HB 29 Technical Changes to Courses of Study Statute
  - HB 138 Arts Education Requirement
- 11:00 AM House Education – Community Colleges, 643 LOB
  - HB 129 High Achieving Tuition Scholarships

### **Wednesday, March 18**

- 8:30 AM Joint Education Appropriations, 423 LOB
- 12:00 PM Senate Workforce and Economic Development, 544 LOB

### **Thursday, March 19**

- TBD

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